

MASS. QUALIFIED TREE WARDEN COURSE Questions and Answers

This six-module course is designed to teach tree wardens what they need to know to fulfill their duties. Five sessions will be held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA. The sixth session will be an outdoor field day, also in Sturbridge.

What are the six dates for 2021?

September 1
September 15
September 29
October 13
October 27
November 10

What time do the classes meet? Each class will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

How much does it cost? One course fee covers all six sessions. Member price is \$600. Non-member price of \$685 includes a one-year membership to MTWFA.

Is financial assistance available? Yes! Partial scholarships are available. Please email or call us for information.

Do I have to attend the entire course? Yes. Participants agree to sign up for and attend all six sessions.

What about lunch? Both morning coffee and lunch will be provided for the 5 sessions at the hotel. Plans will be announced for the September 29th field day.

Do I have to be my town's "official" tree warden to attend? No. We know there are many of you out there who are performing the work of a tree warden but do not have the official title. And even if you do have the title, but some or all of the actual duties are delegated to others, that's okay too. If you are a municipal employee and this course will be helpful to you, we welcome you!

Can I attend if I am not a municipal employee? Maybe. If you are not currently working for a city or town, we will place you on a wait list and notify you if space is available after August 15th.

Will there be continuing education credits? Yes. CEUs will be available for certified arborists (ISA and MCA), and there will be CTSP and pesticide credits for qualifying sessions.

Will this course be offered another time? The course is offered biennially, alternating years with UMass Green School. This means that our next Qualified Tree Warden Course will take place beginning in the fall of 2023.

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Massachusetts Qualified Tree Warden Training Course

Grow your skills and
earn the qualification!



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Qualified Tree Warden Course Outline



All sessions will take place from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Session One - September 1, 2021 - Host Hotel, Sturbridge

- Tree Warden 101 - roles, responsibilities, and work priorities
- Massachusetts tree laws - Chapter 87, scenic roads, local ordinances, and the role of ANSI standards
- Tree risk and liability: introduction
- Tree identification (all six sessions)

Session Two - September 15, 2021 - Host Hotel, Sturbridge

- How trees grow - tree parts and functions
- Urban tree problems and risk trees
- Structural defects and likelihood of failure
- Tree risk management

Session Three - September 29, 2021 - Field Day, Sturbridge

Small groups will rotate through 3 outdoor exercises:

- On-site tree identification
- Field training in identifying tree risk
- Tree planting: site assessment, tree selection, planting practices

Session Four - October 13, 2021 - Host Hotel, Sturbridge

- Arboricultural safety, ANSI Z-133, EHAP
- Budgeting, outside contracting, A300 standards
- Construction zone management

Session Five - October 27, 2021 - Host Hotel, Sturbridge

- Tree health - problem diagnosis and management
- Municipal tree inventories
- Streetscape design and site evaluation
- Introduction to i-Tree free software

Session Six - November 10, 2021 - Host Hotel, Sturbridge

- Working with utility arborists
- Tree wardens panel - "Working In and With Our Communities"
- Massachusetts DCR Urban & Community Forestry - assistance and resources

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MASSACHUSETTS QUALIFIED TREE WARDEN TRAINING COURSE REGISTRATION

\$600 Members

\$685 Non-Members

(includes one-year membership to MTWFA)

Registration Deadline August 15

Need more information about the course or financial aid?

Website www.masstreewardens.org/qualifications

Phone 781-894-4759

Email info@masstreewardens.org

How to register for the 6-session course

- **online** at www.masstreewardens.org
- **fax** 413-315-3454
- **mail** the form below with payment to

Please note our new address!



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Qualified Tree Warden Course Registration - Deadline August 15, 2021

Name _____

Name _____

Town/City _____

Contact Email _____ Contact Phone () _____

Address _____

Street/Box

City/Town

State

Zip

Number registering _____ Total Amount _____

Payment Method

Check enclosed,
payable to MTWFA

Purchase Order # _____

Credit Card: fill in box to right

Credit Card Information

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____ Three-digit code on back _____

Name on card _____

Billing address _____

Street/Box

City/Town

State

Zip